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Calendar

6 Aug Wing Staff Meeting
9 Aug CP Visit – St Croix
14 Aug CP Visit – 130th
16 Aug CP Visit Red Wing
17-20 Oct – NCOS/BCOC 2001
17 Nov Cadet Comp Part II (TBA)
6-10 July NCC 2002 CO Springs CO

4CTG Encampment Commander

Applications are now being accepted for Senior Members interested in serving as the Commander at the 2002 summer Encampment at Grand Forks AFB ND. Application are due to Ch Don Mikitta NLT 10 Sep 2001 on a CAPF 31.

NCO and BCO scheduled

17-20 Oct has been set for the next NCO School at Camp Ripley. Junior cadet NCO's are encouraged to take the challenge to prepare them for middle management training. There will be room for 40 cadet NCO's

This year we are adding a Basic Cadet Officer Course for 10-20 senior NCO's and junior officers.

Cost will be \$35 for either school, previous NCOS attendance is required for BCO attendance. 1Lt Marcel Derosier is the Commander.

Application information will be on the website ASAP.

O-Flights

The revised orientation flight program was placed on hold pending the outcome of the May 2001 National Executive Committee's recommendation to the FAA that our reimbursement rate procedures change. We have now heard back from the FAA and will proceed with the revised program on 1 October 2001 (the beginning of the new fiscal year). Continue to fly the cadets under the current rules (and the current reimbursement rates) until the revised program begins.

We will send out the revised forms and syllabus to all units in August, and we will also make this material available on-line.

Also, since releasing our initial memorandum to all commanders in April and the CAP News article in July (which was written over a month ago, due to the publishing schedules), we have decided to limit the cadets who have completed all NINE rides under the current flight rules to be eligible only for the FIVE glider flights and ALL back seat rides available under the revised program, once the revised program begins.

VFW Awards

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) wants to recognize outstanding CAP cadets in each squadron and have established an annual award. The eligibility criteria is listed below:

Eligibility criteria for the Cadet NCO Award:

- (1) Be in good standing academically
- (2) Be progressing satisfactorily in the CAP Cadet Program
- (3) Demonstrate outstanding leadership in Civil Air Patrol
- (4) Be of high moral character
- (5) Display outstanding military bearing and conduct both in and out of uniform
- (6) Patriotism (commander or member of color guard, drill team, etc.) and actively promote Americanism
- (7) Demonstrate growth potential (assumes higher levels of responsibility)
- (8) Must not have been a previous recipient of the award.

Eligibility criteria for the Cadet Officer Award:

- (1) Be in good standing academically
- (2) Be progressing satisfactorily in the CAP cadet program
- (3) Demonstrate outstanding achievement in community service and the cadet program (aerospace and leadership)
- (4) Demonstrate outstanding leadership in Civil Air Patrol
- (5) Be of high moral character
- (6) Demonstrate a high level of professionalism in appearance & action
- (7) Patriotism (commander or member of color guard, drill team, etc.) & actively promote Americanism
- (8) Demonstrate growth potential (assumes higher levels of responsibility)
- (9) Must not have been a previous recipient of the award.

The unit commander will forward their selection (on a CAP Form 120 with attached justification) directly to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Headquarters at (a copy will also be sent to the Group and Wing Headquarters):

Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Youth Development
Scholarship and Recognition Programs
406 West 34th Street
Kansas City MO 64111.

The complete mailing address and telephone number of the unit commander will be provided for the convenience of the local VFW officials in contacting the CAP squadron concerned. The VFW Headquarters will prepare the award elements and forward them to the unit for presentation. If at all possible, a VFW representative should present the award.

There currently is no suspense date for submitting your requests for recognition.

Do not forward your applications to national headquarters (this would only slow down the process of recognizing your deserving cadets).